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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is a utility patent application of

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For (title): COUPLING ASSEMBLY WITH ROTATION LOCK

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for a continuation-in-part patent application.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications.  
Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE  
BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED.

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**3. Papers Enclosed**

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

15 Page(s) of Specification

5 Page(s) of Claims

14 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s) Informal

- B. Other Papers Enclosed

1 Page(s) of Abstract

**4. Additional Papers Enclosed**

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98)  
Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)  
Citations

**5. Declaration or Oath**

Will follow.

**6. Language**

English

**7. Assignment**

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### Regular Application

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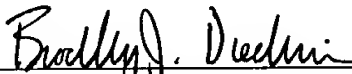
**A. 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e)**

This application is a continuation-in-part application and claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/965,464 filed on September 27, 2001.

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